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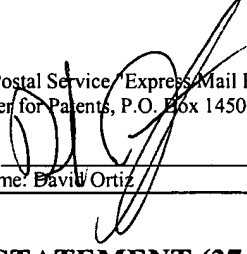
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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	5,990,948	11/1999	Sugiki				
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						YES	NO
	JP 3-187584	08/1991	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 9-238286	09/1997	Japan			Abstract	
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